October 6, 2024 Slooper Meeting

At 12:32 p.m., the 99th annual Slooper Meeting was called to order by President Steve Southcombe followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Secretary’s Report from the 2023 meeting was read by Secretary Angie Pokarney. Arlene Jackson made the motion to accept the report as read, seconded, motion passed.

At this time, all Sloopers were asked to join together at the front for a “Slooper Photo”…taken by James Entwistle.

The Business Meeting then continued with the Treasurer’s report read by President Steve Southcombe for Treasurer, Erin Kauffman, who was unable to attend:

Balance October 8, 2023 $6,813.60

Expenses for the year 6,328.20

(Expenses included: reprinting of the Slooper Book $6,000, Shipping costs $268.20, Bank fees $60.00) \*Note that the cost of reprinting 390 copies was $16,395.19 which was split between the Slooper Society and Norsk Museum equally. Each organization provided $8,197.60 and received 195 books each.

Income for the year 2,169.77

\*all income was from the sale of Slooper Books

Current balance 2,655.17

\*There are reimbursements to be made in the near future to the Goodman’s and the Mies’ for loans in the amount of $1,098.90 each to help cover the costs involved in the reprinting of the Slooper books

\*\*There are also postage reimbursement fees for 2021-2023 to Steve Southcombe in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Rosdail-Aegerter made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as read. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting was then turned over to Vice-President, Kirk Mies, who welcomed all and thanked ALL who helped, especially Carly and her team for doing an amazing job with our buffet, and Dave Johnson for his careful organizing…Kirk went on to say how nice it is to partner with the Norsk Museum/SON Polar Star Lodge/Cleng Peerson Lodge/Norway Store for these combined gatherings.

Discussion was held on what will be happening in 2025:

* Dave Johnson shared that Polar Star Sons of Norway will Partner with District 5 Sons of Norway for a 3 day event on October 2-5, 2025
* October 5th will culminate the 3 day event with our next meeting being on that day…all the details will be available on sloopersociety.org (\*usually the date of the meeting is scheduled on the Sunday closest to October 9th; however, having it on the 5th will allow those among us who wish to attend the highly anticipated arrival of the re-created sloop ‘Restauration’ in NY to do so

President Steve Southcombe opened the floor for the election of officers.

Jan Rosdail-Aegerter nominated Kathy Anderson to the position of Trustee. Seconded. Carried

Kirk Mies relayed that he would like to open the position of Vice-president so that someone else would have the opportunity to step forward and serve in that position. He also said he would continue to be involved in website development and in selling/shipping Slooper Books.

Discussion was held about what the responsibilities were for the Vice President position.

Jan Rosdail-Aegerter made the motion to nominate current officers (with the exception of vice president position) to be retained for 2025. Seconded. Carried.

Angie Pokarney nominated Jan Rosdail-Aegerter as Vice President. Seconded. Carried.

\*Trustees for 2025: Gail and Mona Rosdail, Kirk Mies, Dale Goodman, Kathy Anderson.

Kirk asked who among us traveled the furthest. It was determined that two attendees were from California…the one from Southern California traveled the farthest.

An annual tradition/show of hands was taken of each family present:

Rosdails, 26

Nelsons (Hersdals), 3

Hougas, 9

Madlands 2

Olsons 2

Slogvik 3

We were reminded that Slooper books would be for sale at the Norsk Museum, here (after the meeting), and on-line, and that the Norsk Museum would be open after the luncheon/play performance.

Wes Hougsted united us all in the prayer for lunch.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jan Rosdail-Aegerter at 12:58. Seconded. Carried.

After lunch, the Cleng Peerson and Polar Star Sons of Norway presented a readers theater play entitled, “The Fox Valley Settlement”.

Kirk Mies thanked Dave Johnson and the cast for their hard work in preparing for and presenting the play. He thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Pokarney, Secretary